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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: S. 1542, "Notaries Public Expense Act of 1955"

1. In response to your request, we have reviewed S. 1542 relative to possible Agency interest. The Bill proposes to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

2. We believe the Bill is of direct interest to Agency personnel activities and that the Agency should support S. 1542 if opportunity arises to do so.

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Harrison G. Reynolds  
Director of Personnel

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<b>TO :</b>		<b>FROM:</b> LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
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<b>TO :</b> LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL		<b>FROM:</b>
24 March 1955 <span style="float: right;">84/1</span>		
Mr. Johnston of South Carolina		
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TO : LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL		FROM: Comptroller
<p>The Agency has approximately twelve notaries; therefore, this legislation is of interest and Committee Reports are desired.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>WP</i></p>		
DATE OF COMMENTS 11 April 1975		SIGNATURE AND TITLE E. R. Saunders, Comptroller
STATINTL		

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SENATE

{ REPORT  
No. 1652

### PAYMENT OF EXPENSE OF NOTARY COMMISSIONS, ETC.

MARCH 13, 1956.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina, from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, submitted the following

#### R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 1542]

The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1542) to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill, as amended, do pass.

#### AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments are as follows:

Page 1, lines 4 and 11, strike out "Government" and insert in lieu thereof "Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia".

These amendments were suggested and approved in order that employees of the District of Columbia be treated in the same manner as other Federal employees.

S. 1542 would require the payment of an allowance to persons required to serve as notaries public in connection with the performance of official business. This allowance would not exceed the actual expenses incurred by the employee in obtaining his commission. The notarial commissions are obtained for the purpose of facilitating the operations of the Government and are for its convenience rather than that of the employee. Under such circumstances, Federal employees who are required to expend their own money to fulfill the requirements of becoming a notary public should be compensated for the cost involved.

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AGENCY VIEWS

Following are agency views in regard to S. 1542:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington 25, D. C., September 2, 1955.

Hon. OLIN D. JOHNSTON,  
Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR JOHNSTON: Reference is made to your requests of March 25, 1955, and August 26, 1955, for the views of this Bureau concerning S. 1542, a bill to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

The bill would authorize departments and establishments of the Government to pay, from personal service or general administrative expense funds, an allowance to each civilian officer and employee who is required in the performance of his official business to serve as a notary public. Such allowance is not to exceed the expense required to obtain a commission as notary public from and after January 1, 1955.

The Bureau of the Budget believes that when an officer or employee is required to serve as a notary public in the performance of his official duties, the necessary expense of obtaining the commission as a notary public should be borne by the Government, and accordingly endorses the objective of the bill.

Sincerely yours,

PERCY RAPPAPORT,  
Assistant Director.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,  
Washington, D. C., September 6, 1955.

Hon. OLIN D. JOHNSTON,  
Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR JOHNSTON: This is in reply to your letter of March 25, 1955, which requested the Commission's views on S. 1542, a bill to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

S. 1542 would require the payment of an allowance to persons required to serve as notaries public in connection with the performance of official business. This allowance would not exceed the actual expenses incurred by the employee in obtaining his commission. The Commission agrees with the purposes of S. 1542. The notarial commissions are obtained for the purpose of facilitating the operations of the Government and are for its convenience rather than that of the employee. Under such circumstances, Federal employees who are required to expend their own money to fulfill the requirements of becoming a notary public should be compensated for the cost involved.

Therefore, the Commission favors the enactment of S. 1542.

We are advised that the Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of this report.

By direction of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

PHILIP YOUNG, Chairman.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES,  
Washington 4, D. C., November 15, 1955.

Hon. OLIN D. JOHNSTON,  
Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR JOHNSTON: The Commissioners have for report S. 1542, 84th Congress, a bill to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

At the present time, the government of the District of Columbia numbers among its employees approximately 115 persons who hold commissions as notaries public. Of these, 97 perform their notarial duties solely in connection with the performance of official business of the government of the District of Columbia.

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These 97, like Federal Government employees whose notarial duties are confined to official business, are excused from the payment of the \$10 license fee for their commission, but they nevertheless are required to give bond, the premium for which is \$6, and to purchase their own notarial seal at a cost of approximately \$6.

The Commissioners recommend that S. 1542, which presently relates only to the officers and employees of the Federal Government, be amended in such manner as to be applicable to the officers and employees of the municipal government of the District of Columbia.

Accordingly, the Commissioners recommend that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, lines 4 and 11, strike "Government" and insert in lieu thereof, "Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia".

The Commissioners have been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection on the part of that office to submission of this report to the Congress.

Yours very sincerely,

SAMUEL SPENCER,  
*President, Board of Commissioners, District of Columbia.*

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